

# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 3, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Hermann called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the meeting were council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, Bill Krick, and Jessica Mader; Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**VISITORS:** Doug Bennett

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Bill to accept the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader; ayes; motion carries**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Training Video (**Discussion Item**) Mayor Hermann moved viewing the video down the agenda after New Business so visitors would not have to stay for the viewing.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Snowplow Gates on Grader- Doug Bennett (**Action Item**) Doug Bennett requested the City consider adding a snow gate to the grader to reduce snow berms at driveways. Dustin explained the City has researched the option and discussed how gates have worked with other cities that have utilized them. Other cities expressed the snow gates only performed well after the streets had already been plowed and require another plow pass with the snow gate to remove the snow berm at driveways. This operation doubles the amount of labor to complete a full city plow service. Cody Bailey explained the City does not have money in the budget this year to purchase the snow gate or fund the extra labor to provide the service. Cody also mentioned the plow trucks could not be fitted with the gates and they plow areas of town that would not be serviced with the grader. Cody indicated the adjustable V plow has the ability to scoop and carry snow that could be utilized to accomplish driveway cleanouts when the City crew has time. Doug said he understood budget constraints and would appreciate if the City will continue to consider the option. Cody Bailey moved to table the item indefinitely; seconded by Jessica Mader. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader; ayes; motion carries.**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Training Video (**Discussion Item**)

Cody requested Nikki send a link to the training video to council members so they could view it on their own time, the council agreed to this option.

### CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

**Mayor Update:** John requested the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting be moved to 5pm so council could hold a meeting with Merrick to discuss an addendum to the wastewater engineering contract – everyone agreed that date and time would work. John also asked Jesse Aherin to complete Nikki's evaluation.

**Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Sewer:** Bill indicated Western did not complete the project by the Dec.1<sup>st</sup> deadline in the compliance schedule and now anticipate completion by the end of June 2025. John mentioned he did a site tour of the wastewater project and was not pleased with the contractor’s organization or production. Cody raised concerns about the inspector’s level of experience and qualifications.

**Water:** Bill said Well 9 is currently drilled to a depth of 500’ and producing an estimated 200gpm. He, Dustin, and John will meet with Merrick tomorrow to discuss the option of continuing to the 900’ target depth in the Grande Ronde Aquifer or stopping at the 500’ depth in the Wanapum Aquifer.

**Cody Bailey – Street Update:** The City crew has the snow removal geared up and ready for service.

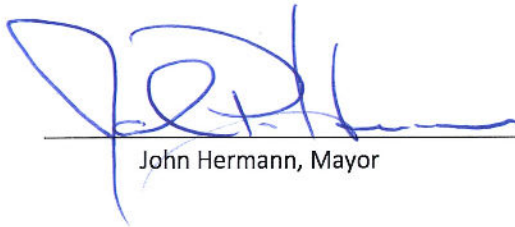
**Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update:** None

**Jessica Mader – Parks Update:** Jessica indicated the Christmas lighting ceremony was a success. She has reviewed the Parks Projects that Nyla had been working on and will work on prioritizing the projects and applying for grants to fund them. She attended a Civic meeting at which Civic agreed to donate funds to the City for playground equipment. Jessica also reported she met with Genesee Cemetery District to discuss City Cemetery expenses and is working on a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the responsibilities of both parties.

**Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Cody to adjourn; seconded by Jessica. **Voice Vote: ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.**



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John Hermann, Mayor



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Dustin Brinkly, Public Works Director